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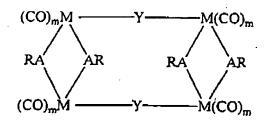
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## In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A rectangular supramolecule having the following structure:



wherein

M is Re, Mn, Cr, Mo, W, Fe, Ru, or Os;

Y is a nitrogen-based didentate ligand;

A is O, S, Se, or Te;

R is  $C_3\sim C_{16}$  alkyl,  $(CH_2)_n$ -aryl, or  $(CH_2)_n$ -aryl- $(O-C_1\sim C_{16}$  alkyl)<sub>p</sub>, in which n is 0-15, p is 1-3; and

m is  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{4}{4}$ , or  $\frac{5}{1}$ .

- 2. (Original) The rectangular supramolecule of claim 1, wherein M is Re.
- 3. (Original) The rectangular supramolecule of claim 2, wherein m is 3.
- 4. (Original) The rectangular supramolecule of claim 1, wherein R is C<sub>3</sub>~C<sub>16</sub> straight chain alkyl.
  - 5. (Original) The rectangular supramolecule of claim 1, wherein A is O.

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6. (Original) The rectangular supramolecule of claim 1, wherein Y is diazine or a ligand of the formula:

wherein B' is a bond, alkyl, alkenyl, alknyl, cyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.

- 7. (Original) The rectangular supramolecule of claim 6, B' is a bond, alkenyl, alknyl, or aryl.
  - 8. (Original) The rectangular supramolecule of claim 6, wherein Y is

- 9. (Original) The rectangular supramolecule of claim 6, wherein M is Re, and m is 3.
- 10. (Original) The rectangular supramolecule of claim 6, wherein R is C<sub>3</sub>~C<sub>16</sub> straight chain alkyl.
  - 11. (Original) The rectangular supramolecule of claim 6, wherein A is O.

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## (Original) The rectangular supramolecule of claim 6, wherein Y is 12.

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13. (Currently Amended) A method for making a rectangular supramolecule having the following structure:

$$(CO)_mM$$
  $Y$   $M(CO)_m$   $AR$   $AR$   $AR$   $AR$   $AR$   $AR$   $AR$ 

wherein M is Re, Mn, Cr, Mo, W, Fe, Ru, or Os; Y is a nitrogen-based didentate ligand; A is O, S, Se, or Te; R is  $C_1 \sim C_{16}$  alkyl,  $(CH_2)_n$ -aryl, or  $(CH_2)_n$ -aryl- $(O-C_1 \sim C_{16}$  alkyl)<sub>p</sub>, in which n is 0-15, p is 1-3; and m is  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{2}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{2}$ ,  $\frac{4}{2}$ , or  $\frac{5}{2}$ .

the method comprising:

reacting  $M(CO)_{m+2}$  with a nitrogen-based didentate ligand in the presence of an RAH at an elevated temperature to form the rectangular supramolecule.

- 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein M is Re and m is 3.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein RAH is a C<sub>1</sub>~C<sub>16</sub> aliphatic alcohol.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein Y is diazine or a ligand of the formula:

wherein B' is a bond, alkyl, alkenyl, alknyl, cyclyl, heterocyclyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.

Claims 17-21. (Cancelled)